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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA TO BAR ALL TOP WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES'
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1. FOLLOWING MARCH 14 DEPORTATION OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' OFFICIAL, DR. LUKAS VISCHER (REFTEL), MININTERIOR CONNIE MULDER STATED MARCH 17 THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW ANY MEMBER OF WCC EXECUTIVE OR CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENTER SOUTH AFRICA FOR AS LONG AS "PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES," I.E., WCC ASSISTANCE TO "TERRORIST MOVEMENTS" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, LASTED. MULDER CLAIMED VISCHER'S DEPORTATION ORDER TIMED SO WCC WOULD "TAKE NOTE OF OUR TOTAL DISAPPROVAL OF THEIR ATTITUDE TO AND THEIR SUPPORT OF TERRORIST MOVEMENTS."

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2. MULDER ALSO DENIED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRESS SUGGESTIONS

THAT HE ACTED "IMPETUOUSLY" AFTER HEARING DISTORTED SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (SABC) VERSION OF VISCHER'S REMARKS AT MARCH 13 PRESS CONFERENCE. MULDER CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD TAPE RECORDING OF VISCHER'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN ADDITION TO SABC BROADCAST BEFORE ACTING.

3. VISCHER CONTROVERSY ONCE AGAIN EXPOSED GULF BETWEEN AFRICAN COUNCIL CHURCHES (SACC). SACC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CRITICIZED SABC REPORTS OF VISCHER PRESS CONFERENCE AND QUESTIONED WISDOM OF MULDER'S ACTION. ON OTHER HAND, SOME NGK OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER'S BROTHER. DR. J.D. VORSTER, HAVE SUPPORTED MULDER'S ACTION AND HIS CONDEMNATION OF WCC SUPPORT FOR GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS. DR. J.S. GERICKE, CAPE MODERATOR OF NGK, STATED ON SABC INTERVIEW PROGRAM MARCH 17 THAT WCC WAS "ACCOMPLICE TO THE MOST ABOMINABLE SAVAGERY COMMITTED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."
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